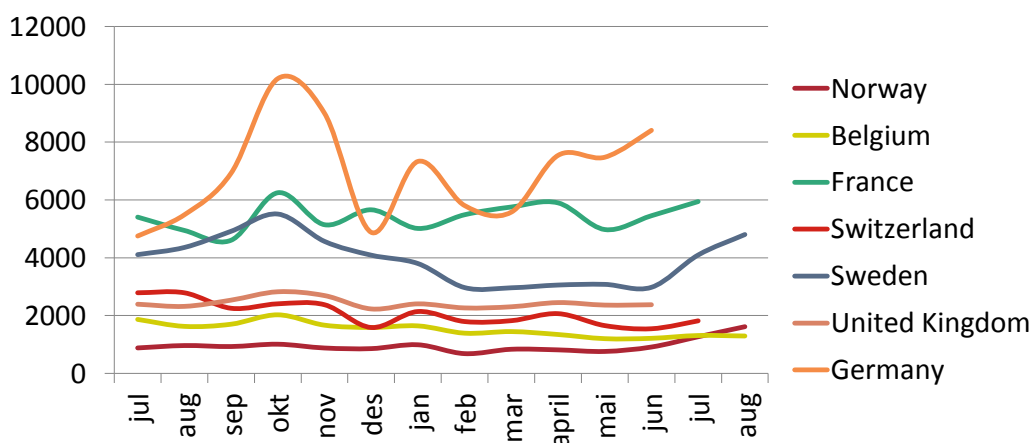


# Longstayers in reception Centres - Challenges and possibilities

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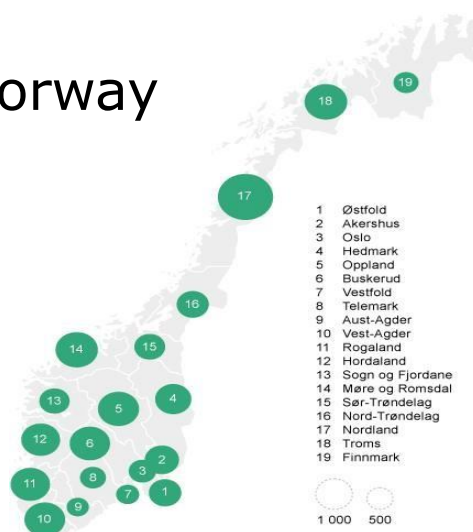
## Asylum applications to Europe



## Reception Centres in Norway

111 reception centres  
located all over Norway

Reception population  
by end of August 16 350

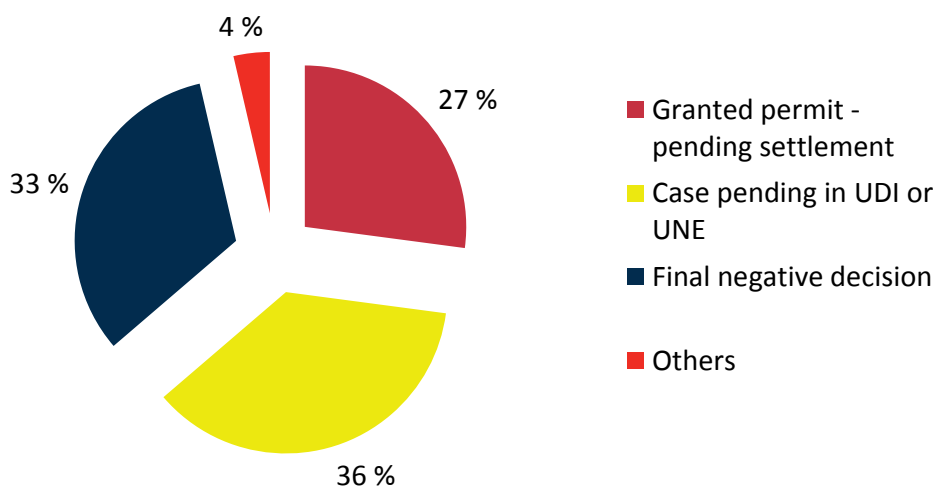


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## Reception population by status



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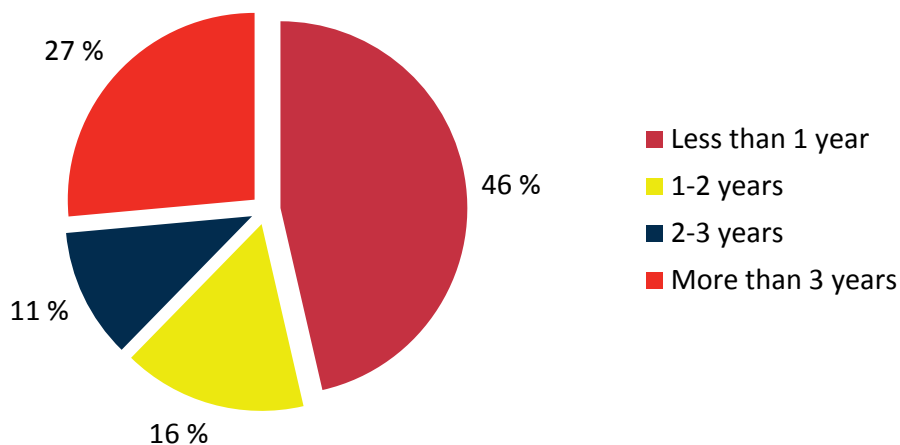
## Benefits to asylum seekers

- Mandatory information programme
- Norwegian Language course
- Activities
- Economic allowances
- Health care on the same basis as Norwegian citizens
- Children have a legal right, and duty, to attend primary school

## Benefits for persons with a final negative decision

- Reduced economic allowances
- Emergency health care
- Activities to motivate to choose voluntary return

## Duration of stay in reception centre



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## Who are the long-stayers?

- Non-compliance from the person having his/her asylum application rejected
- Slow pace in settlement of persons receiving a permit
- Long processing time in the Immigration Appeals Board

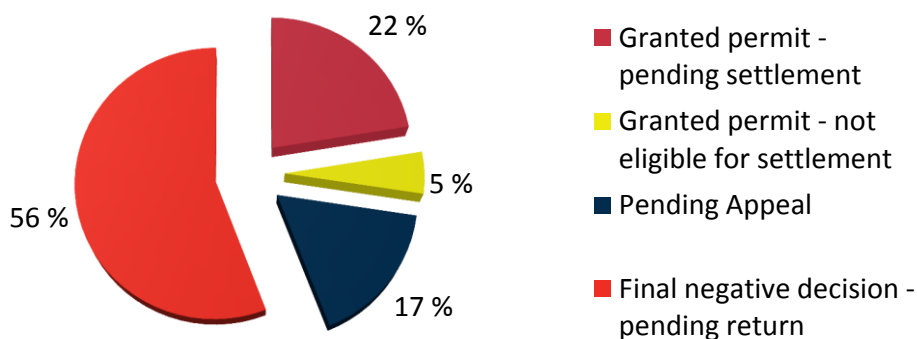
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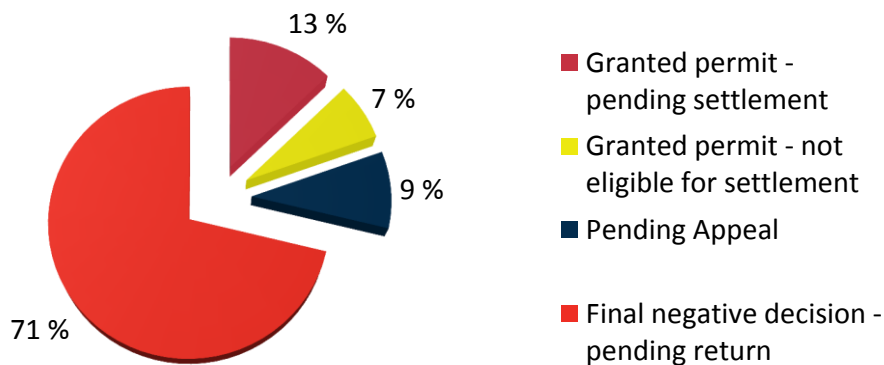
## Long-stayers more than 1 year

By status

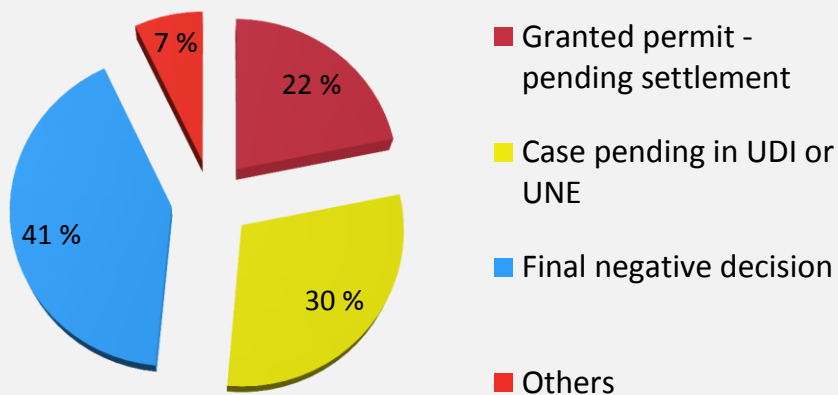


## Long-stayers more than 3 years

by status



### Families with children



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## Dilemmas

- Reception centres host persons in different situations
- Postponed integration for persons awaiting settlement



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## Longstayers – Challenges

Costs to the individual  
and to the society

Plain and adequate  
standard

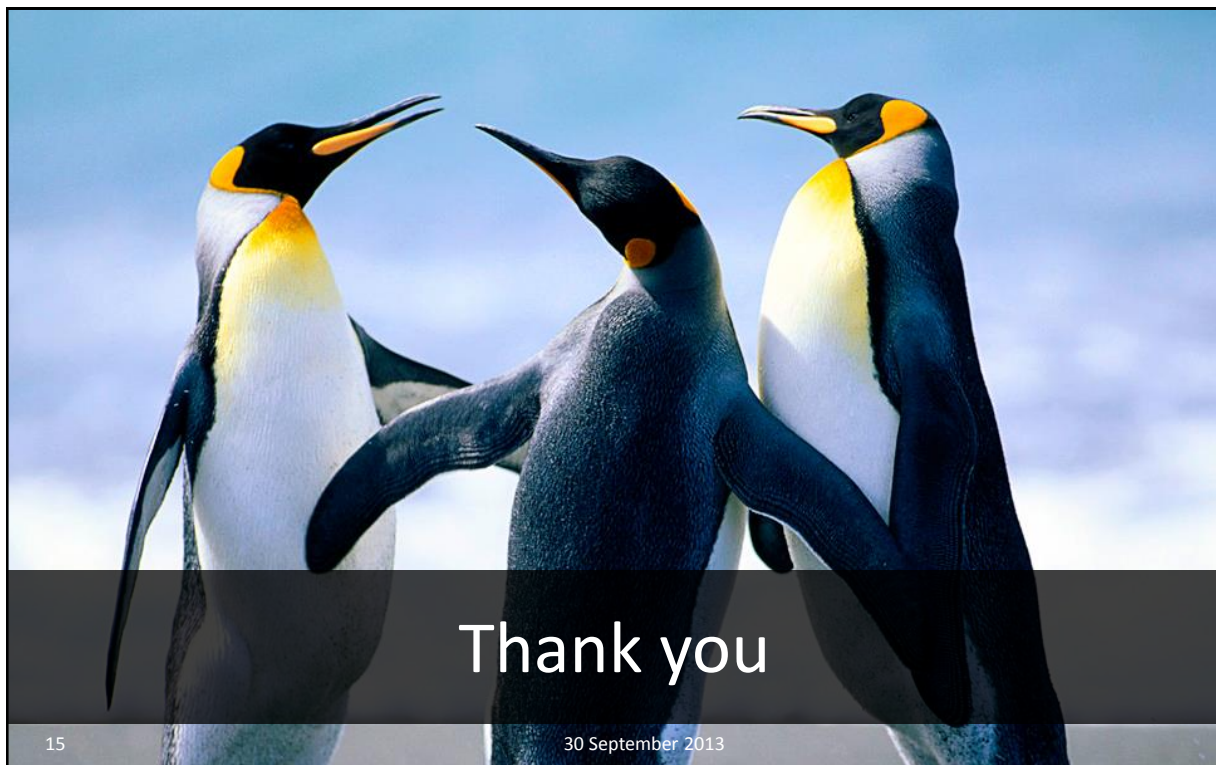
Illegal stay means  
reduced rights and  
benefits

Increased frustration  
Increased security risks



## Long-stayers: Possibilities

- Rapid settlement
- Increasing the number of returns (voluntary/forced);
- Speed up the appeal processing



Thank you